



## **AGENDA**

### **Citizens' Advisory Committee**

**7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

**September 14, 2011**

**Maple Grove Government Center - Room 183**

- A. Call to Order by Chair
- B. Minutes: Approve Minutes from June 8, 2011
- C. Area Reports (Forms in Packet)
- D. Work Plan Ideas for CAC
- E. Other Business and Updates
  - a. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Program
- F. Adjournment

## Minutes

## **Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**DRAFT -- June 8, 2011**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by CAC Co-Chair Bob Joiner at the Maple Grove Government Center. However, there was not quorum at the time of meeting start.

#### **Members**

##### **Present**

John Beacham	Leslie Bender	Stephen Gill
Lorraine Gresser	Mark Hodge	Bob Joiner
Joe Piket	Katie Rodriguez	Don Skoglund

##### **Members Absent**

Linda Furst, Greg Hulne, Harry Kennedy, Tim Klevar, Pam Larson, Steven Maas, Joan Masberg, Kevin Rebman

#### **Others Present**

City Councilmember Phil Leith, CAC City Staff Liaison Mike Opatz, Parks and Recreation Superintendent of Recreation of Mark Saari, and Julie Hamilton and Todd Leyse of the Osseo Maple Grove Basketball Association were present.

#### **Osseo Maple Grove Basketball Association (OMGBA) Facility Presentation**

Julie Hamilton, President of OMGBA provided an overview of the organization. Toddy Leyse, OMGBA Secretary and Building Committee Chairperson, provided a detailed review of the house program, the traveling program, participation, and tournaments. Handouts were provided to attendees.

Mr. Leyse discussed the types of facilities currently used, their usage, and their availability. He stated there is a shortage of space and practice times.

Since 2004 OMGBA has been looking at/researching a facility. Mr. Leyse stated that a precedent was set with the second hockey rink at the Community Center as well as the sports dome at the Senior High to be opening this fall.

He talked about facilities in other communities in the metropolitan area.

Mr. Leyse also talked about future building in Maple Grove to house six basketball courts. He also stated courts could be added to several existing schools. He reviewed the costs of a new facility and operating expenses. He stated the OMGBA board has approved funds for a building as well as funds for operating expenses each year. Mr. Leyse stated it was felt the basketball group should not have to pay for the land as the other two groups (OMGBH and OMGAA/Maplebrook Soccer) did not, but that they were prepared to pay their 20 percent of construction and ongoing operating costs.

Discussion took place on where a facility would be located and whether it would be donated land or if there would be costs involved with an acquisition. It was stated that OMGBA is hoping for a freestanding facility.

Mr. Leyse said there is a very good site that is owned by Maple Grove Lutheran Church north of the MGHS football stadium. Mr. Leyse made comments about whether or not assessments on that land are pending or not. He stated the property is about ten acres, and OMGBA needs about five acres for a facility. Mr. Leyse made the suggestion that OMGBA buys the property for its value (not assessments) as their 20 percent participation and then sells/donates to the City.

It was stated that at this time the CAC has been given no direction by the City Council to get involved in this project.

Discussions took place about land at Zachary Lane and Weaver Lake Road as well as land between Osseo and Maple Grove. OMGBA would need to sit down and talk with City officials about land possibilities.

Mr. Saari stated the model has been for the City/School District to work together and has a good relationship for facilities. A brief discussion took place on park dedication fees.

Mr. Leyse stated that OMGBA looked at other facilities in Maple Grove such as the old Tennant building as well as Alleygator's. A basketball facility would be a unique facility. Currently most of the basketball facilities are on school properties—gyms, domes, arenas.

Discussion centered around location and land, and several times CAC members stated that land is the biggest factor, and without suitable land options, this would be a difficult venture.

The question was asked what was the total hours used now for games and practices versus what they would like to offer their members and then how many hours would the new facility provide to meet that need. Mr. Leyse did not quite have that detail, and stated that even with a new facility they would possibly get out of using one of the elementary schools and maybe Maple Grove and/or Osseo Junior High.

OMGBA talked about the rental process, and the frustrations they have with finding space, cancellations of reservations, particularly with the School District. He stated some of the facilities are unsuitable for basketball with slippery floors and with minimal or no borders outside the playing surface, and there is little or no room for spectators.

Mark Saari stated the Community Center gym is not built for programming; it is more of a drop-in facility. He stated that schools primarily/historically have housed gyms and not been a city function. Mention was made to add such a basketball facility to a future

neighborhood park. Mr. Saari stated that in larger park planning, the City tries to put in the aspects of the park facilities in advance of the housing development.

Mr. Leyse asked for CAC's support in asking the City Council to examine this project. He suggested the City Council and CAC have a discussion, and he stated OMGBA could come to a future meeting to answer any additional questions. The question arose as to whether the City Council wants CAC to spend time on this project.

OMGBA stated they would be willing to take the necessary steps to get support from the City. Councilmember Leith stated it would be necessary for the Council to talk more to Mark Saari and City Administrator Al Madsen.

OMGBA stated they would like to know fairly soon about the City's position so they can move forward and acquire land if necessary. Mr. Leyse again brought up the 80/20 participation projects that have been established—second sheet of ice at the Community Center and the sports dome on School District 279 land at the Maple Grove Senior High.

It was stated that CAC was at this point only to receive and discuss the information, but not to take any further action or make any recommendation. CAC thanked the OMGBA representatives for their presentation and their foresight and organization in planning for a facility.

**Minutes**

As there was a quorum, the minutes for the April 13, 2011 regular CAC meeting were approved.

**Other Business/  
Updates**

Next CAC meeting will be September 14, 2011. The meeting will include an overview of where CAC will go and there may be other ideas from Councilmember Leith/City Administrator Al Madsen.

**Adjournment**

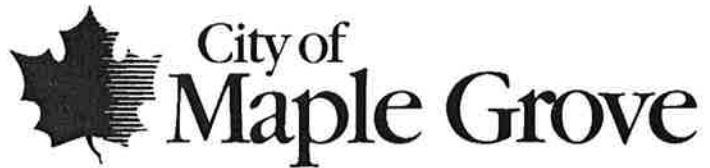
The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Morris  
Minute Secretary

## Area Reports

## **Work Plan Ideas for CAC**



## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** CAC Members

**FROM:** Mike Opatz, CAC Staff Liaison

**DATE:** September 7, 2011

**SUBJECT:** CAC Work Plan Topics

CAC members will discuss potential work plan topics and meeting ideas.

Thank you.



## **Other Business and Updates**



## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** CAC Members

**FROM:** Mike Opatz, CAC Staff Liaison

**DATE:** September 7, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Update on Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Program

CAC members will be given an update on Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Program within the City of Maple Grove. See attachments for some background info.

Thank you.

# **Maple Grove City Council Special Meeting**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**June 28, 2011**

### **Call to Order**

A Special City Council Meeting was set for Tuesday, June 28, 2011 in the Emergency Operations Center. Mayor Steffenson called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. Those in attendance were Mayor Steffenson, Councilmember Sargent, Councilmember Jaeger, and Councilmember Johnson. Councilmember Leith was unavailable due to business. Also in attendance was Al Madsen City Administrator, Cindy Brown Administration Department, First Sergeant Edward Herman, Lieutenant Seth Goreham, and Carl Madsen. There was also various representatives from churches and the business community.



### **Beyond the Yellow Ribbon**

First Sergeant Herman provided a fine presentation on the program known as Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. He reviewed the original program called Yellow Ribbon and stated that this goes a step further hence being called Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program. He reviewed this as a program to be of assistance to our military either while serving overseas or at home.

A question and answer session followed. Councilmembers Sargent and Johnson stated that they would be willing to help chair a committee for Maple Grove's involvement in Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program. The date of the first committee meeting was set for July 11, 2011.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before this Special City Council meeting, Councilmember Johnson moved to adjourn and Mayor Steffenson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. to July 18, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan A. Madsen  
City Administrator

## Yellow Ribbon Community Key Areas

and requirements...

### City Leadership:

- Committed support of Yellow Ribbon Network
- Participation of Yellow Ribbon Steering Committee annual reviews, events and activities
- Creation of Crisis Intervention and Wellness Process

### Yellow Ribbon Steering Committee:

- Creation Committee with representation from all key community areas
- Regular meetings with goals and objectives to meet community needs
- Commitment to identify and support military families
- Continuous education on military support issues
- Commitment to "Welcome Home" all Servicemembers

### Public Safety/Judicial:

- Defined, sustainable and ongoing training program for personnel
- Ongoing process to respond to military family issues

### Faith Based Organizations:

- Continuous and active partnership with the Yellow Ribbon Network

### Veteran Organizations:

- Recognition events in partnership with the Steering Committee
- Develop process for identifying Servicemembers in the community

### Businesses/Employers:

- Demonstrated support of Servicemember and military family employees

### Social Service/Medical Providers:

- Commitment to the well-being of Servicemembers and their families by increasing availability of medical and behavioral health providers who accept Tricare

### Educators and Youth Providers:

- Plan to identify military families within the school district
- Full support of Servicemembers and military families
- Defined, sustainable and ongoing training/awareness program for all school personnel



**Beyond the Yellow Ribbon**

~ 651-282-4284 ~



**Beyond the Yellow Ribbon**

**Yellow Ribbon Community Mission Statement**  
In continuing Minnesota's proud history of supporting our nation's military, the Yellow Ribbon Network is a diverse group of citizens and community leaders uniting key areas within local communities to leverage existing support activities, build awareness and take action to recognize and support Servicemembers and military families.



Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is united to bring Servicemembers all the way home.

Contact the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Team  
[www.beyondtheyellowribbon.org](http://www.beyondtheyellowribbon.org)

651-282-4284

[ngmn.yellowribboncommunitites@ng.army.mil](mailto:ngmn.yellowribboncommunitites@ng.army.mil)

**Yellow Ribbon Communities**



[www.BeyondTheYellowRibbon.org](http://www.BeyondTheYellowRibbon.org)





## Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

Ask a Servicemember what he or she needs while on deployment and he or she will tell you, "Take care of my family."

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is a comprehensive program that creates awareness for the purpose of connecting Servicemembers and their families with community support, training, services and resources.

We do this by:

1. Creating awareness through the Yellow Ribbon Community Campaign and synchronizing sustainable community support networks.
2. Connecting and coordinating organizations, agencies, and companies to provide resources and support to Servicemembers and their families.
3. Delivering a series of formal Yellow Ribbon Training events to Servicemembers and their families before, during and after deployment.
4. Providing an opportunity for Minnesotans to support Servicemembers and their families.

**Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is united to bring Servicemembers all the way home.**



## Yellow Ribbon Community History

Governor Pawlenty proclaimed Farmington as

Minnesota's first Yellow Ribbon City in December 2008.

With the guidance of Beyond the

Yellow Ribbon's Deployment

Cycle Support Team, cities,

counties, and corporations

across the state are

developing action plans

and organizing groups to

support military families.

Each follows a similar

path to creating a Yellow

Ribbon Network and

being proclaimed "Yellow

Ribbon" by the Governor.



## What is a Yellow Ribbon Community?

A Yellow Ribbon Community unites all areas within a community to create a comprehensive network that connects and coordinates agencies, organizations, resources and employers for the purpose of proactively supporting Servicemembers and military families.

## Why Become a Yellow Ribbon?

Since 9/11, thousands of Minnesotans have served our country. By developing a Yellow Ribbon Network, communities unite to honor and embrace those affected by military deployments. The outward showing of support enables successful transition all the way home. The community's effort transcends the military to any group in need and builds a stronger, more compassionate community.

## How to Become a Yellow Ribbon Community?

In partnership with a Yellow Ribbon Steering Committee, each community will develop a sustainable Action Plan demonstrating their commitment to Servicemembers and military families. The community will identify and connect leaders in key areas across the community, leverage existing support activities, build awareness throughout the community and take action.

## How important is this?

"When my Servicemember was deployed I felt so alone. I was home with the kids and just had to make things work.

But there were days it took everything in me to make it through... when the toilet was plugged on a Saturday night, or our 2 year-old couldn't be calmed as I tried to shovel the car out of the driveway and get her to daycare ontime.

To know someone was willing to support me... if my community would have been behind me in his absence, it would have made all the difference."

- The spouse of a Minnesota Servicemember





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***get involved***



## **Build a strong community... Become a Yellow Ribbon Community**

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### **How to get started?**

The journey begins by asking the question, "What can we do?" Then, develop a sustainable action plan for the community that supports Servicemembers and their families.

*"Each time my husband deployed I reached out to my family and friends. To know I could have reached out to my community would have made all the difference."*

- wife of Minnesota Servicemember

Get involved. Find your local network by contacting the Family Assistance Center:

**888-234-1274**

**[www.BeyondTheYellowRibbon.org/  
family-assistance-centers](http://www.BeyondTheYellowRibbon.org/family-assistance-centers)**

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**AREA REPORT**  
**Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee**

*Please use this form to express your concerns,  
suggestions, and positive comments on things you see  
taking place in Maple Grove!*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Required)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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any questions)

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**Submit your completed form to Mike Opatz at the monthly CAC meeting. Area Reports will  
be submitted to the appropriate City staff/department, and a response will be in a future CAC  
agenda packet.**